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Mr. Bruce Palin
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RE: Complaint - Gary Development
Sanitary Landfill

Dear Mr. Palin:

On May 6, 1978 I received a complaint at approximately 5:30 P.M. concerning a human waste type odor being experienced in the Hessville section of Hammond (165th and New Hampshire). The wind direction was from the Northeast which indicated to me the source of the odor was possibly coming from Gary, Indiana.

I proceeded into Gary and found the source to be the Gary Development Sanitary Landfill at Cline and Chicago in Gary, Indiana. This verification of the source of the problem was made by circling the property and observing odor concentration both upwind and downwind of that site. Based upon those observations plus the fact the odor experienced adjacent to the site was identical to the one being experienced in the Hessville portion of Hammond, the conclusion was made that the Gary Development Sanitary Landfill was the source.

Due to the strength and nature of the odor I am requesting that you formally investigate this matter and advise me of your findings and proposed course of action.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Novak, Chief
Hammond Air Pollution Control

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